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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 72.5 degrees, 1.5 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, August 31. Precipitation averaged 1.35 inches, 0.51 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 12 points above normal.

Reporters rated 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, August 29. This is 1.2 days less than last year and 0.9 days less than the 1998-02 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 14 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2003	5.3	6.1	78.7
2002	6.5	6.1	98.4
1998-2002 Average	6.2	5.0	103.8

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	14	76	10
Last Week	0	9	80	11
Same Week Last Year	44	40	16	0
1998-2002 Average	19	32	46	3

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Eighty-five percent of **Corn** is in dough. This is two days ahead of last year, but three days behind the five-year average. Respondents estimate corn at 32 percent dented.

This is the same as last year but six days behind the five-year average. Farmers have six percent of **Corn Silage** harvested. This is 10 days behind 2002 and eight days behind the 1998-2002 average. Respondents estimated 98 percent of **Soybeans** are setting pods. This is five days ahead of last year but slightly behind the five-year average. Two percent of soybeans are dropping leaves. This is four days behind 2002 and 10 days behind the 1998-2002 average. The third cutting of **Alfalfa hay** is 53 percent complete and the fourth cutting is five percent complete. The second cutting of **Other hay** is 86 percent complete and the third cutting is 27 percent complete. **Potato** growers have 40 percent of their crops harvested. This is the same as last year, but eight days behind the five-year average. Fruit producers have harvested 96 percent of **Summer Apples** and three percent of **Fall Apples**. Eighty-eight percent of Ohio's **Peaches** have been harvested compared to 91 percent last year. The **Grape** harvest is two percent complete. Vegetable growers have harvested 68 percent of their **Cucumbers**. This is five days behind 2002 and 12 days behind the five-year average. Nine percent of **Processing tomatoes** have been harvested. This is nine days behind 2002, and 11 days behind the 1998-2002 average.

Field activities last week proceeded as normal for most locations in Ohio. Producers applied pesticides to crops, harvested corn for silage, and baled hay. Vegetable growers harvested cucumbers, processing tomatoes, sweet corn and other produce. Farmers mowed wheat stubble, grassed waterways and field edges. Producers prepared harvesting equipments, installed tile, and some scouted soybean fields for insect damage.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Corn was rated 66 percent good to excellent condition compared to 14 percent last year. Pasture condition was rated at 70 percent good to excellent compared to 6 percent in 2002. Soybeans were rated at 62 percent good to excellent condition.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 3 rd cutting	53	83	79	41	NA
Alfalfa hay 4 th cutting	5	13	18	2	NA
Apples harvested Fall & Winter	3	3	5	NA	NA
Apples harvested Summer	96	89	89	90	NA
Corn in dough	85	82	89	73	76
Corn dented	32	32	48	13	34
Corn Silage harvested	6	13	13	5	NA
Cucumbers harvested	68	76	83	67	NA
Grapes harvested	2	4	3	NA	NA
Other hay 2 nd cutting	86	95	95	81	NA
Other hay 3 rd cutting	27	41	45	18	NA
Peaches harvested	88	91	88	78	NA
Potatoes harvested	40	40	51	36	NA
Processing tomatoes harvested	9	26	29	6	NA
Soybeans setting pods	98	95	99	88	91
Soybeans dropping leaves	2	5	11	NA	4

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	7	25	43	23
Previous Week	2	6	24	46	22
Previous Year	24	30	32	13	1
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	7	29	47	14
Previous Week	5	11	28	46	10
Previous Year	19	32	35	12	2
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	5	24	51	19
Previous Week	2	5	21	56	16
Previous Year	34	34	26	6	0
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	9	26	47	15
Previous Week	3	7	27	47	16
Previous Year	19	29	35	16	1

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	71.7	1.2	0.86	0.12	23.16	5.27	152	10	2384	-58
North Central	71.2	0.8	0.82	0.02	22.01	3.65	151	9	2363	-39
Northeast	69.6	0.4	1.62	0.76	27.82	9.04	139	4	2178	-84
West Central	73.3	2.2	1.93	1.13	25.73	6.25	162	16	2514	-25
Central	73.1	1.8	1.78	0.84	23.87	4.04	163	16	2546	-17
Central Hills	71.0	1.1	1.40	0.54	23.81	4.14	148	9	2378	-4
Northeast Hills	70.3	0.1	1.63	0.75	25.12	5.69	145	4	2369	-43
Southwest	74.6	2.1	1.22	0.26	25.01	4.36	168	15	2629	-45
South Central	75.1	2.5	1.00	0.23	28.44	8.82	171	16	2701	-4
Southeast	73.2	1.9	1.30	0.48	25.41	5.62	162	14	2535	-15
STATE	72.5	1.5	1.35	0.51	25.06	5.69	157	12	2472	-33

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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